

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2034

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to security of name changes and requests.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2068 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO SECURITY OF NAME CHANGES AND REQUESTS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1D of Chapter 46 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentences:-

3 If a party to the marriage who has changed his or her name files a certified copy of the certificate of  
4 marriage with the register of probate in the county where the parties were married or presently reside, the register of  
5 probate shall issue a certificate of change of name to the party who has changed his or her name in accordance with  
6 the certificate of marriage. No fee shall be charged, nor shall the party seeking the certificate of name change be  
7 required to file a petition for a name change. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 262, sections 34 and 40, the  
8 city or town registrar or clerk, or the register of probate shall not charge any fees for fulfilling the duties in this  
9 section.